

Dec. 11, 2016  
The Third Sunday  
of Advent



St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School

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Our St. Patrick's Mission Statement:

"To love and obey God, to love each other and others and to let our light shine from this holy hill."

**All are welcome to join us each and every Sunday morning for worship and to receive communion.**

**Rite I Worship Service: 8:00 AM**

**Rite II Worship Service: 10:15 with Choir & Sunday School**

	At St. Patrick's	Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ	
Priest	The Rev. George Daisa	Youth Ministry Director	Robert Galletly
Sr. Warden	Anna Merriman	Financial Administrator	Kathryn Walters
Jr. Warden	Paul Teagle	Parish Administrator	Janet Enriquez
Music Director	Dr. Eric Kinsley	Sexton	Dave Mead
Children's	Patty Buffaloe	St. Patrick's Postulant	KC Robertson
Ministry Director			

Church office hours: Monday—Thurs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**The Altar Flowers  
are Dedicated to the  
Glory of God and to  
Sharon Lexau in  
Celebration of Her  
Birthday by Her Family**

**A Message From Your Priest**

Dear Friends,

This last weekend at Diocesan Convention we as a diocese passed a resolution that henceforth we will be a "Sanctuary Diocese". Some of you have asked, what does this mean? And, the truth is, right now we don't really know. The one thing we do know is that Jesus calls us to love our neighbors, and he's pretty clear about who our neighbors are: everyone! (See Luke 10:25-37). We're also clear that there is a special place in God's heart for the oppressed, the foreigner, and those on the margins. The Hebrew Scriptures tell us: "Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry," (Exodus 22:21-23). Also, "If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tight fisted toward them. Rather, be open handed and freely lend them whatever they need," (Deuteronomy 15:7-8). In the coming weeks and months we will begin this important conversation about what this means for us, and how God might be calling us to love our neighbors. But, in the meantime...

I will take this opportunity again this week to highlight a great Advent/Christmas outreach initiative we're participating in again this year. **Project Safe Passage** is an initiative of the Thousand Oaks Police Department to eliminate gang-related crime by stopping gang recruitment and the replenishment process among at-risk youth, between the ages 5-12.

These kids are our future! We are partnering with St. Patrick's Day School again this year to offer *Barnes & Noble Bookseller* gift cards to these kids, who often do not have access to books for learning and entertainment. **We're collecting B&N gift cards of any monetary value over the next three Sundays, through December 18.** These cards will be delivered to the kids, and then they will be bussed to our local *B&N* for a private shopping experience just for them, when they can purchase books of their own choosing. So, please, stop by the local ***B&N Bookseller at 160 Westlake Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362*** and purchase a gift card or two, and bring them to church on a Sunday before December 18. There will be a Project Safe Passage gift card box at the back of the church to receive your cards. Thank you for your participation in this extraordinary initiative – your outreach support makes a difference to folks in our community.

Peace be with you, and see you on Sunday!

(The Rev.) George Daisa

**Sunday Service Participants**

	8:00	10:15
<b>Lector</b>	Debbie McDonald	
<b>Crucifer</b>		Mary Buffaloe
<b>Acolytes</b>		Kayla Cox & Ashley Fisher
<b>LEMs</b>	Bill Funk	Jim Leon
<b>Ushers</b>	Evelyn Stephenson	Travis Tokuyama
	Richard Bitting	Greg Gerardis
		Ken Cox
		Doug Holmes
		John & Marilyn Chavez
		Bernie Honey
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ann Palmquist, Paula Smith, Marilyn Teagle and Muriel Karr	
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Debbie McDonald	
	10:15 Marilyn and Paul Teagle	

**Altar Flowers**

Honor a loved one (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc.) with a floral dedication. Sign up on the flower chart at the back of church. The suggested donation is \$40. Checks to St. Patrick's Altar Guild with 'altar flowers' in the memo may be placed in the offertory plate.

**For Those We Love**

Bishop Bruno, Bob, Bobbie Confessore, Debbie Confessore, Stacey Davidson, Richard de La Pena, Lanarra Ferguson, Joan Funk, VanNessa Hulme, Betty Kren, Fr. Peter Lleo, Ingrid Ames Loberg, Marie Manos, Kathy Musselman, Bibi O'Neill, Barbara Perrine, Jeffrey Perrine, Mary Ann, Phyllis Sparks, Evan Stephens, Kathlene Stephens, Nora Stone, Roc Swanson, Suzanne Swanson, Marlo Thompson, and Arthel Weibezahl  
KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Ryan Macias for Discernment  
**Repose of the Soul**  
Dominick Confessore, Hoyt Leisure, Owen Nielsen, Mike Sandberg, Joyce Throgmorton, Sue Timpini and Lyndon Turner

**Family Ministry**

**Sunday School**

Care for preschool children aged 2 1/2 to kindergarten is available in the sacristy wing. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade children are welcome to our Sunday school program each Sunday morning. Children gather in church at the start of the 10:15 worship and process to their classes.

**Youth Group**

Please contact Robert Galletly at 805-807-5635 for information regarding youth group.

*Isaiah 35: 1-10*

*Canticle 15*

*James 5: 7-10*

*Matthew 11: 2-11*

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## Announcements

### **St. Patrick's Nativity Pageant & Parish Potluck**

St. Patrick's Children's Ministry presents the annual Nativity Pageant and Potluck Sunday, Dec. 11. The pageant, held during the 10:15 worship, will have a part for every interested child. Following the service, gather in Hager Hall for a festive potluck brunch to celebrate the holidays. Parishioners are asked to please bring an entrée, side dish, salad or dessert to share. For more information on the children's pageant, please see Patty Buffaloe, Director of Children's Ministry.

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Poinsettia plants will decorate the church for Christmas! Dedications in thanksgiving or memory of a loved one can be made on the clipboard at the back of the church. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Please place checks made out to St. Patrick's Altar Guild in the manila envelope or check 'paid cash' on the sign-up sheet.

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### **St. Pat's Angel Tree**

You are invited to give a gift to one in need in our community through our Angel Tree Outreach in partnership with Lutheran Social Services. Our tree is loaded with gift tags and located at the back of the church. Take a tag and return your wrapped gift, with the tag attached, to the tree. Please include a gift receipt where possible in your wrapped present. Sunday, Dec. 11 will be the last day to bring back your gifts. Thank you for your continued participation in this outreach. If you have questions, please call Anne Van Cott at 805-427-0277.

### **Winter Shelter Program at St. Julie's**

Meals are needed for the Winter Shelter Program hosted by St. Patrick's **Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** at St. Julie's in Newbury Park. Please bring an entrée to serve 10-12 people to St. Julie's Church (2475 Borchard Rd.) by 6:00 pm. Volunteer servers are always welcome. Call Bob Bland at 498-5682 for more information.

### **Greening of the Church**

**Saturday, December 17 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Enjoy a family friendly event complete with hot mulled cider and treats, music and fellowship while we 'green' the church with garland and seasonal decorations.

### **The Amazing Chase: In Search of the Real Meaning of Christmas Scavenger Hunt**

**Saturday, December 17, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

Youth Group will search for the real meaning of Christmas here in our own hometown. Pizza and Refreshments will be provided. Invite your friends to join in the fun. Drivers are needed. Please see Robert on Sundays for more details.

### **Holiday Shopping with Amazon**

Support St. Patrick's Episcopal Church & Day School when shopping online with Amazon. Amazon will donate 5% for every purchase made. Log onto **smile.amazon.com**. When asked if you would like to donate to a charity, write in "**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School.**" Proceed with your shopping and the donation will be automatically applied. **It takes 5 seconds to donate!**

### **Wednesday Healing Service**

Join Fr. George on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for Holy Eucharist, healing prayers and anointing.

**There is no Healing Service Wed., Dec. 28.**

## Outreach

### **Homeless Dinner Program**

The Winter Shelter Program resumes at St. Julie Billiard Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. See Bob or Shirley Bland for details.

### **Conejo Compassion Coalition**

Visit [conejocompassion.org](http://conejocompassion.org) or call Bob Bland, 805-498-5682, for more information.

### **Manna**

Bring your donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items on Sundays to the baskets in the front of church.

### **Mad Attic Thrift Shop**

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Contact Mary Ann Palmquist or Ruthanne England for info or to volunteer. 805-497-1990. Please do not leave donations in the front of the church.

### **The Order of St. Patrick's**

Our OSP ministers provide love and connection in times of need. OSP makes phone calls to those who are ill or shut-in to check in and remind them of our prayers and care. If you wish to join OSP, please call Jill Murch at 805-498-2616. If you know of anyone in need of a call, please call the church office.

### **Yoga with Karen Daisa**

Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the parish hall. \$12 is a suggested donation. Bring a yoga mat (non-toxic, please) and a towel.

## Studies & Groups

### **SPECL**

See Anne Van Cott for info on the St. Patrick's Ladies Group.

### **Bible Study**

The Wed. Night Bible Study Group meets Wed. evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For information, see Bob Bland.

### **Sunday Bible Discussion**

Sunday Bible Study meets from about noon to 1:00 following the 10:15 service for a review of the books of the Bible. We started with Genesis and are now doing the Minor Prophets. We will start the New Testament soon. All are invited! Please contact Bob Wichmann for more information.

## The Day School

Contact the Parish Day School at  
**805-497-1416** or  
[www.stpatricksdayschool.org](http://www.stpatricksdayschool.org)